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SUBJECT: SUMMER INTERN PROJECT: ECOWAS DEVELOPMENTS

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1. RE REFTEL, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THE ECOWAS FUND FOR COOPERATION COMPENSATION AND DEVELOPMENT HEADQUARTERED IN LOME HAS CHOSEN FIVE AREAS ON WHICH TO PREPARE PAPERS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING (JULY 18-23 IN LAGOS AND JULY 25-30 IN LOME). WILL BE COMPOSED OF MINISTERS OF FINANCE. PAPER WILL

BE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, COASTAL SHIPPING, ROADS, FERTILIZER
AND BAUXITE.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN: ANOTHER SUBJECT THAT MAY
COME UP AT THE JULY MEETING IS THE HIRING PRACTICES OF THE
FUND AND ITS LEADERSHIP. IN MAY, TOGO AND TOGO AND NIGERIA
ACTING TOGETHER CALLED IN THE FUND DIRECTOR ROMEB HORTON
TO EXPRESS THEIR DISPLEASURE THAT ALL FUND EMPLOYEES ARE
LIBERIAN. (THERE IS ACTUALLY ONE NIGERIAN, WHO IS MARRIED
TO A LIBERIAN, AND ONE UPPER VOLTAN, ALSO MARRIED TO A
LIBERIAN.) TO DATE HORTON HAS NOT DIVERSIFIED HIS STAFF.
TALKING WITH THE ECON OFFICER, HE DISMISSED THE COMPLAINTS
BECAUSE OF THEIR "HOST COUNTRY" AND "BIG POWER" NATURE. IT
REFLECTIVE HORTON'S INSOUCIANCE (AND INDICATIVE OF A
POSSIBLY TROUBLED FUTURE FOR FUND) THAT HORTON ALSO SAID
HE IS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT TOGO AND NIGERIA BECAUSE
IT TAKES A VOTE OF NINE OF THE 16 COUNTRIES TO REMOVE HIM
FROM HIS JOB AND HE CANNOT EVER SEE THEM GETTING ORGANIZED
ENOUGH TO DO IT.

3.COMMENT: FUND OFF TO TROUBLED CONCEPTUAL AND
ORGANIZATIONAL START. WELL-INFORMED SOURCES SAY PART
OR PROBLEM IS HORTON'S LACK APPRECIATION BASIC ECOWAS
CONCEPT. HE ALSO IS SAID TO LACK POLITICAL TOUCH. SOURCES
SAY HE FAILS TO CONSULT ADEQUATELY WITH TOGOLESE AND
NIGERIAN GOVERNMENTS, BOTH OF WHICH OBVIOUSLY HAVE
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KEEN INTEREST IN SEEING ECOWAS SUCCEED. THUS,
NORMAL STARTING-UP OF LOME-BASED BANK FOR
WEST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT (BOAD). HOWEVER, FUND LACKS
BOAD'S GUARANTEED ACCESS TO HEALTHY CFA ZONE FINANCIAL
RESOURCES AND IT ALSO APPEARS TO LACK SUREFOOTED
LEADERSHIP OF CALIBER OF PIERRE DAMIBA, BOAD PRESIDENT.
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